

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 1636

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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/987,357

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: HUMAN COLLAGENASE
INHIBITOR, RECOMBINANT
VECTOR SYSTEM FOR USING
SAME AND RECOMBINANT DNA
METHOD FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF SAME

Group Art Unit: 1636

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed October 1, 2003. Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the outstanding rejection.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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